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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATIONS

The 7th October, 2015.

ORDER

No.HPL.314/2013/304.—Whereas the underlying objective of bringing the administration closer to the people by creating new Districts and other administrative units is to minimize the inconveniences otherwise caused to people in reaching the administration and *vice-versa*, and thereby bring in greater effectiveness and efficiency in the administration in by having smaller and more compact units of administration. Keeping this objective in view, the criteria for declaring an area a District or Sub-Division is generally based on the following.

1. Extent of Area;
2. Population;
3. Distance from the existing District/Sub-Divisional Headquarters;
4. Status of education & health Services;
5. General economic backwardness;
6. Public convenience;
7. Status of communication services;
8. Availability of funds etc;

And whereas once the Government had taken a view in principle to upgrade the 4 (four) Civil Sub-Divisions *viz.*, Khliehriat, Mawkyrwat, Resubelpara and Ampati into new Districts, the data about population and number of villages in each Sub-Division as per the Census 2011 was obtained from the Director of Census Operation, Meghalaya, and the Government, thereafter, constituted a Task Force with the Chief Secretary as Chairman, with the terms of reference as follows:

- (a) To determine the boundary jurisdiction of the proposed new Districts.
- (b) To examine the demands of certain NGOs for inclusion of certain areas to the new Districts.
- (c) Any other matter in connection with the creation of new Districts;

And whereas the Task Force examined the matter as per the terms of reference and in consultation with the Departments concerned such as the Election, Community & Rural Development (C&RD), Revenue & Disaster Management etc. taking all the relevant factors into account;

And whereas as per the data furnished by the Director of Census Operation, Meghalaya, the population and number of villages of the proposed new Districts was worked out, and as per the Census 2011, while the West Khasi Hills District (composite) had a total population of 3,85,601 and 1115 villages; the new District of South West Khasi Hills was to comprise two C&RD Blocks viz., the Ranikor and the Mawkyrwat Blocks, with a population of 95,507 and 301 villages;

And whereas by a joint representation dated 12.04.2012, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Joint Action Committee, Warsan Lyngdoh Area expressed their desire to remain within the West Khasi Hills District, on the grounds as better administrative convenience as they were nearer in distance to Nongstoin than to Mawkyrwat with better communication facilities. The petition received from the Joint Action Committee was forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin vide Home (Police) Department letter No. HPL.133/2012/17, dated 26.04.2012 with a request to furnish his views/comments to the Department at the earliest;

And whereas the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin had vide letter No. NDG.327/2004/26, dated 18.05.2012 stated that (i) The mentioned villages under Warsan Lyngdoh were situated on the Southern side of the big river Kynshi, and despite the existence of suspension bridge, the river Kynshi hampers easy access by the local people to Nongstoin during monsoon, and in dry season, the people of this area traditionally walked on foot across the river Kynshi to reach Nongstoin; (ii) Warsan Lyngdoh area was under the jurisdiction of Nongstoin Block; (iii) Majority of the people coming to Nongstoin, Mawkyrwat or Shillong use the available bus services, and in terms of travelling by road, this area was nearer to Mawkyrwat by about 9 Kms; (iv) Electorally, the area fell within 35-Ranikor (ST) Assembly Constituency and all the elections related works were done by the office of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Mawkyrwat Civil Sub Division; and (v) On matters of road development, the area came under the jurisdiction of the Executive Engineer, PWD (R), Mawkyrwat;

And whereas the principle underlining the electoral administration as envisaged in the guidelines prescribed by the Delimitation Commission stipulates that, so far as practicable, all Assembly constituencies in a district shall be confined within the territorial limits of that District only, and the villages in question are stated to be part of 35-Ranikor (ST) Assembly Constituency, which falls within the South West Khasi Hills District; and taking all the factors into account, the Government had taken a decision to include this area within the new District of South West Khasi Hills;

And whereas subsequently, the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin informed vide letter No. NDG.327/2004/60, dated 12.09.2012 that the local people of Warsan Lyngdoh area had expressed the fear that their villages might be placed under the Ranikor Block, which might cause them inconvenience. However, the Government vide Notification No.CDD.76/2012/168, dated 27.08.2013 had included all the 18 (eighteen) villages from Warsan Lyngdoh area within the Mawkyrwat Community & Rural Development Block, and thereby the apprehension of the people was duly addressed;

And whereas in compliance with the Judgement and Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya dated 24.09.2014, the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin conducted a Public Hearing at Umjarain, within Warsan Lyngdoh area, on 15.01.2015;

And whereas the report dated 21.01.2015 submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin in respect of the Public Hearing conducted on 15.01.2015 indicated, inter-alia, as follows:

- (i) The hearing was attended by about thousand people. A vast majority of the people raised their hands and voices in favour of transferring Warsan Lyngdoh from the South West Khasi Hills District to the West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.
- (ii) As per the distance as the crow flies, Warsan Lyngdoh area is closer to Nongstoin.
- (iii) By road, Warsan Lyngdoh is nearer to Mawkyrwat.

- (iv) Warsan Lyngdoh area as mentioned in paragraph 1.2 of the report is part of 35-Ranikor (ST) Assembly Constituency and this cannot be altered until the next delimitation of the Parliamentary Constituencies/Assembly Constituencies. The conduct of election will continue to be done by the Deputy Commissioner of the South West Khasi Hills District, in the capacity of Returning Officer for 35-Ranikor Assembly Constituency, even if the area of Warsan Lyngdoh is transferred to the West Khasi Hills District. In such a situation, the responsibility for maintenance of law and order will be on the shoulders of the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District;

And whereas after considering the report of the public hearing and feedbacks received from various quarters, and having regard to the principle enunciated by the Delimitation Commission and imperatives of administrative exigencies connected with the conduct of elections and delivery of services to the people during normal times, the Government is of the considered view that on balance, it would be more appropriate to include the villages in the aforesaid area within the South West Khasi Hills District;

Now, therefore, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to direct that the 18 (eighteen) villages under Warsan Lyngdoh area, falling under the 35-Ranikor (ST) Assembly Constituency, shall be retained in the South West Khasi Hills District as notified vide Government's Notification No. HPL.133/2012/251, dated 02.08.2012.

P. B. O. WARJRI,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department.

The 26th October, 2015.

No.DCA.81/2015/13.—It is hereby notified for General information that the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council in its Session held on the 21st October, 2015 has duly elected Shri Boston Ch. Marak, Member of District Council as the Chairman of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council.

J. LYNGDOH,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
District Council Affairs Department.

The 26th October, 2015.

No.DCA.81/2015/14.—It is hereby notified for General information that the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council in its Session held on the 21st October, 2015 has duly elected Shri Denang T. Sangma, Member of District Council as the Chief Executive Member of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council.

J. LYNGDOH,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
District Council Affairs Department.

The 7th October, 2015.

No.DC.VII/GenI/10/96-2015/18.—Under the provision of Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (Act No. 11 of 1954) *read* with Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage, Act 1872, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, is pleased to grant license to Pastor Welldone Jyrwa belonging to Ambassadors for Christ's Ministries International authorising him to grant certificate(s) of Marriage or Marriages between person(s) both of whom are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council subject however, to revocation at anytime as may be notified.

W. SYIEMLIH,
Secretary to the Executive Committee,
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,
Shillong.

The 24th September, 2015.

No.DC.VII/GenI/101/2015/2.—Under the provision of Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi - Jaintia Hills District (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (Act No. 11 of 1954) *read* with Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage, Act 1872, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, is pleased to grant license to Skhembor Ryntong belonging to the New Tabernacle Church, New Nongstoin authorising him to grant certificate (s) of Marriage or Marriages between person (s) both of whom are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council subject however, to revocation at anytime as may be notified.

W. SYIEMLIH,
Secretary to the Executive Committee,
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,
Shillong.

The 14th October, 2015.

No.JHADC/POL/31/99/14.—In pursuance of Rule 5 of the United Khasi Jaintia Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules 1953 as adopted and amended, the Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai is pleased to Constitute a Village Court for the Elaka Maskut with the following Members as elected by the Elaka Durbar on 8th September, 2015. The Members so elected shall hold office for 5 (five) years beginning from the date of the first sitting of the Court.

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| 1. | Shri Phrangki Rynjah | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri Shrak Nongpluh | - | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. | Shri Kysiew Kharbithai | - | Secretary |
| 4. | Shri Donbah Rynjah | - | Asst. Secretary |
| 5. | Shri Phermi Kharbithai | - | Member |
| 6. | Shri Kiston Nongspung | - | Member |
| 7. | Shri Kristar Kharlukhi | - | Member |

R. PHAWA,
Secretary,
Executive Committee,
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,
Jowai.

The 14th October, 2015.

No.JHADC/GENL/EM/5/2009/134.—In partial modification of this Notification No. JHADC/GENL/EM/5/2009/126, dated 19th June, 2015 the following subjects shall with immediate effect constitute to the Port Folios of the following Members of the Executive Committee.

7. Shri Philip Tangliang, Executive Member

Land Revenue, Land Reform and Cadastral Survey, Land Holding and No-Objection Certificate, Land Valuation, Land Acquisition and Compensation for the areas falling under Elakas of Nongkhlieh, Sutnga, Nartiang and Saipung Sirdarship including the areas falling under Sumer Patorship. Land Settlement, Mutation and Relinquishment of Pattas, Land Lease, Buniaj Land, Puja Land, Service Land, Community Land, Religious Land and Land Rent for the areas falling under the Elakas of Nongkhlieh, Sutnga, Nartiang and Saipung Sirdarship including the areas falling under Sumer Patorship, Elaka Raliang.

11. Shri W. G. Sungoh, Executive Member

Land Revenue, Land Reform and Cadastral Survey, Land Holding and No-Objection Certificate, Land Valuation, Land Acquisition and Compensation for the areas falling under the Elakas of Raliang excluding areas falling under Sumer Patorship, Shilliang Myntang and Shangpung. Land Settlement, Mutation and Relinquishment of Pattas, Land Lease, Buniaj Land, Puja Land, Service Land, Religious Land and Land Rent for the areas falling under the Elakas of Raliang excluding areas falling under Sumer Patorship, Shilliang Myntang and Shangpung.

Port Folios in respect of other Members of the Executive Committee shall remain unchanged.

Chief Executive Member,
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,
Jowai.